

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

MARCH 15, 2016

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, Brian Sheehan, and Makayla Herbert, Student Advisor, answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

MINUTES: Conner moved to approve the minutes of March 1, 2016 as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. Met with Ara on the 4th for a strategic grant discussion.
2. Spoke to Bungee regarding their rail services and how they tie into the industrial park.
3. Viewed a webinar for marketing for small rural communities.
4. Attended the 10th annual Shares meeting.
5. The Stellar application was turned in on the 11th. We should know by April 4th if we make the top 3.
6. The St. Patrick's celebration was well attended.
7. On the 12th attended the retirement party for Fire Chief Jenkins.
8. Met with the City Utilities regarding maintenance for the pool.
9. Friday will meet with BFS to discuss the drainage up north.
10. Spring break is March 21–25.
11. There will be a SET meeting on the 22nd in Winchester.
12. Will visit with J & M Tool on the 23rd.
13. The Active Living Workshop is March 29th.
14. April 1st will be the first day for the Special Project Coordinator.
15. April 7th there will be a public meeting for the Park Master Plan.
16. April 9 will be the "Hoosiers" celebration.
17. Bowl for Kid's will be April 17th.
18. The Mayor's 5K will be May 14.

19. Copies of the resolution signed by the State for the dedication of the bridge South on Three to honor Joe Cotton were given to Council. Cotton and his wife live in California. Some of his children plan to attend the dedication.
20. The pavilion has been ordered for Riverside Park. We will meet with the contractor.
21. We are waiting on permitting for the wayfinding signs.
22. Council of Clubs has reformed.
23. We are working on a solution to preventing people from breaking up housing into apartments.
24. FEMA has revised the elevation of the water level for the levee. Some points are okay some points are short. We are discussing a solution of possibly putting a trail on top of the levee.
25. Landmarks is talking to the Historic Review Board.
26. The Historic Society approved a grave marking sign for William Beatty Laughlin, the founder of Rushville.
27. Tomorrow we will meet on the Farmers Market.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Bridges informed Council that the phone call that they all received was handled by Councilman Conner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – No report.
- **Marketing** – No report.
- **APC/BZA** – Meetings have been scheduled for the 4th Wednesdays. The meetings are at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- **City Center** – Pavey asked for suggestions to sit on the building committee. He said residency is not an issue. Pavey said he has some new budget numbers and schedules that he will be getting to Council.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – No report.
- **Brownfield Grant** – Starting to work on the Laker property.
- **ECDC** – No report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker said the Trailer in the parking lot is from the Sheriff Department, which was provided by their insurance company. It is an emergency vehicle operation simulator along with a firearms simulator. If anyone is interested in participating in either program they will be taking appointments tomorrow and Thursday.

Street – Commissioner Miller informed Council that the Board of Works hired Mike Mathews as a seasonal employee.

Heavy trash will be picked up April 25-29. Dumping at the site will be free that week.

Park – Park Director Gurley said Brenntag is moving forward designing the attachments for the chemical tank. He said the new tank will have double walls. We are replacing the cement pad.

The City Utilities are replacing valves and rebuilding the old ones for spares.

We are installing plumbing for the new gas line to the building.

We have met on both the parks and trails master plans.

We should have WIFI in North Veterans Park sometime in April.

The Booker T Washington elevator has been serviced and inspected.

Safe Routes to School surveys have been sent to parents of the elementary and middle schools.

The Easter egg hunt will be sponsored by McDonalds and will be March 26th at noon at South Veterans Park.

March 29 is the Active Living Workshop from 9:00-4:00.

Fire – Assistant Fire Chief Munson informed Council that 818 N Maple has been removed from the BEP project. The contractor is planning to begin demolition on the 2nd set of buildings March 28. Those properties are 215 W 8th, 117 West 7th, and 803 West 7th.

The 3rd set is 821 N George, 823 West 7th, and 514 East 8th. The 4th set is 628 West 3rd, 414 West 4th, and 419 West 3rd. We are waiting for final approval on sets 3 and 4.

Munson said there is an unsafe garage at 223 E 6th and they have temporarily closed the alley.

He said they are training on a new reporting system for EMS to coordinate with the State.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Dr. John Williams said April 25 the Rotary will be sponsoring race night for the 100th anniversary of the 500. The speaker will be Donald Davidson. The event will be held at the Laughlin Center.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Attorney Contract** – We are putting together a document with some minor changes that we believe will be the final contract.

2. **Petition for Annexation Ordinance 2016-7 Annexation 101 N Spencer** – Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-7 on second and final reading. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Resolution 2016-5 Declaratory Resolution Designating Area as an Economic Development Area and Adopting the Fiscal Plan** – This will come before Council for approval at the first meeting in April.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance 2016-8 Designating Depositories** – Bridges moved to approve Ordinance 2016-8. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Building Committee City Center** – Mayor asked Council to send him suggestions to serve on the committee.
3. **Winters Publishing** – Pavey passed around documentation regarding the publication that would benefit the Library. After discussion Council asked the Mayor to look for funds for the project.
4. **Resolutions for Endorsement** – HWC has suggested that we pass resolutions for these 3 projects.
 - a. Safe Routes to School –
 - b. Trails Master Plan
 - c. Parks Master Plan

CLAIMS: Sheehan made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Mayor Pavey presented a press release announcing Brian Sheehan as the Special Projects Coordinator. He said this will create a change in the Council. Pavey also said he believes this will allow us to give more quality work.

Sheehan said he will send out the results of the City survey.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Conner made a motion to adjourn. Smith seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.